

Remarks:

This preliminary amendment is being filed to present a set of claims that are more easily read for examination purposes and that include limitations reciting percentage ranges allowed in the claims of the parent patent application Ser. No. 09/565,138 filed May 5, 2000 (the '138 application.)

New claims 85-101 cover the subject matter of claims 37-47, 62, 65-66, 54-55, and 72-74 of the '138 application, and are drawn to anti-microbial fabrics, which was an invention that was not elected for prosecution in the '138 application in response to a restriction requirement.

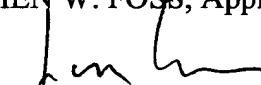
No new matter has been entered by these amendments.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-854-4000.

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